

Remarks

Claims 1-17 were rejected by the Examiner. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended in order to place them in better condition for allowance, or in the alternative, for consideration on appeal. The amendment raises no new issues, nor would it entail the need for further search on the part of the Examiner. Entry of the amendment is within the discretion of the Examiner and is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-17 will be pending and in condition for allowance.

The rejection under Section 112 is respectfully traversed in view of the above editorial amendment of corresponding claims 2, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 16. The rejection regarding claim 9 appears to be in error, since the objectionable phrase does not appear to occur there.

The rejections under Sections 102 and 103 are respectfully traversed. As confirmed and described at length in Applicant's previous response, Shoff, et al. merely describe an "interactive" entertainment system, while Fidelibus is cited, at most, with respect to the features of various dependent claims.

By stark contrast, the system of the present invention is *integrated* in the manner described throughout the specification. The fact that Shoff et al. provides an *interactive* system is not disputed, but nor is it relevant to Applicant's claimed invention.

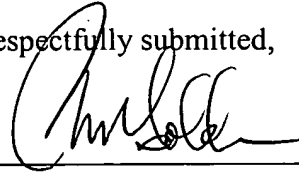
Yet the present Office Action continues to focus almost entirely on the "interactive" nature of Shoff et al., paying essentially no attention whatsoever to Applicant's *integrated* features. The only specific mention of Applicant's integrated system is not a response at all, but merely concludes that integrated features "are not recited in the rejected claims", nor in turn, are they read into the claims from the specification (para. 34). Although Applicant disputes this position, in an attempt to progress the prosecution of this application, claims independent 1, 6, and 7 and have been amended to emphasize the fact that the system of this invention is "integrated" in the manner now claimed. Antecedent basis for this amendment exists throughout the specification (e.g., page 24, lines 11-20), and its role in distinguishing both Shoff et al. and Fidelibus has been described at length in Applicant's previous response.

Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the pending rejection is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the event any remaining issues arise.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910.

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